

WSALPHO's mission is to foster an effective and efficient public health system in Washington State, advance local public health interests, and improve local health jurisdictions' quality, capacity, and leadership. WSALPHO is a non-profit that serves the 35 local health jurisdictions in Washington State through policy and advocacy, partnerships, and workforce development and training.



Satellite Management Agencies (SMA) and Group B Water Systems

WSALPHO supports changing RCW 70A.125.060 to clarify when a SMA is most appropriately needed to ensure clean and safe drinking water. The blanket requirement of SMA operations for all Group B systems is overly burdensome, including a large cost to homeowners. Proposed changes rebalance the public health benefit with the cost to maintain systems, putting the ability for more stringent requirements to local governments that administer Group B programs through a joint plan of responsibility.

A Satellite Management Agency would still be required when:

- Treatment is needed to meet water quality standards
- The system provides fire flow
- Has atmospheric storage
- Has between 10-14 connections



SB 6110: Child Fatality Review Teams

WSALPHO supports modernizing Washington's child fatality review statute (RCW 70.05.170) to:

- Expand the age for reviews to include 18 years of age
- Provide clarification for participants who are mandated reporters
- Strengthen the language for LHJs to collect or access records and data from other sources to aid in the review process
- Enhance local and state collaboration to inform statewide prevention initiatives and recommendations



Foundational Public Health Services

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Local health jurisdictions (LHJs) are the frontline defenders against public health threats, responding to natural disasters and emergencies, and preventing exposures to environmental hazards.

Strong core programs and services assures everyone, everywhere in Washington State has a nimble and responsive public health system that works to achieve vibrant and thriving communities. **WSALPHO supports the \$45 million funding request to:**

- Equitably fund tribal FPHS efforts
- Preserve current FPHS investments
- Fund critical system needs



Critical Public Health Preventive Care

LHJs fill gaps in services due to providers pulling immunization services, STI treatment and case management, and other clinical services.

Given recent pertussis outbreaks, the H5N1 emergency, and the potential for additional outbreaks, **WSALPHO supports investing in preventative healthcare services and addressing critical barriers in accessing basic health care.**

- In 2024, at least 5 local health jurisdictions (LHJs) responded to pertussis outbreaks, totaling over 1200 cases, a 2,200% increase from 2023.
- Replicating Snohomish County's STI clinic will further reduce the burden of STIs, particularly syphilis.

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